

# Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico

Monthly Update - October 2018



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Meeting and interacting with local volunteers at various events and meetings throughout the City is a privilege. It's a fact that the City would not function without our volunteers. The knowledge and talent among Altoona residents as well as the willingness of our residents, to use those talents toward the betterment of our community, is impressive.

An important way that you can help continue to build a great City is by lending your talents to an authority, board or commission/committee. It often requires just one meeting a month and is a great way to connect with other like-minded volunteers in the City. Your contribution will make Altoona an even better place to live!

Appointments will be made at the December 5, 2018 City Council Meeting for the 2019 year. The online talent bank application is available now and due in the City Clerk's Office by Monday, November 26th.

Thanks for putting your name forward to serve the City of Altoona!

**Talent Bank Application**

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## City Council Meeting - October

City Council will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 10th at 7:00 P.M. at the City of Altoona Training Facility & Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue.

City Council meetings for the remainder of 2018 are as follows:

November 14, 2018

December 5, 2018

Location: City of Altoona Training Facility & Council Chambers, 1320  
Washington Avenue

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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## ZombieTown USA



### **ZombieTown is the ultimate zombie festival.**

On **October 5-6**, the City of Altoona will host the most unique zombie festival ever created. ZombieTown USA is a one of a kind fall festival, a zombie inspired event for everyone – from the hardcore zombie enthusiast to families and little zombies.

Everyone is invited!

Unlike most “spectator” festivals, ZombieTown is an immersive experience

with hands-on, zombie themed live action events, contests, food and entertainment. You're not just at the event, you are part of the event. ZombieTown USA is not owned or operated by any one group or business. The event is a collaboration between our local businesses, non-profits, city leaders, and volunteers.

To find **EVENTS**, view **PARADE** info, sign up for the **NEWSLETTER** for **ZOMBIE WEEKEND** in Downtown Altoona on October 5th & 6th go to:

[www.zombietownusa.com](http://www.zombietownusa.com)

Facebook @zombietownusa

Twitter [https://twitter.com/ZombieTown\\_USA](https://twitter.com/ZombieTown_USA)

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/zombietownusa/>

## October is Fire Prevention Month



**"Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware - fire can happen anywhere"** is the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2018, which takes place October 7-13. This is such an important theme that the entire month of October is proclaimed Fire Prevention Month in the City of Altoona. This year's theme identifies basic ways you can reduce the risk of fire and be prepared in the event of one. Residents are reminded to do the following: **Look** for places fire can start, **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm, and **Learn** two ways out of each room. The Altoona Fire Department will have the opportunity to visit our schools and educate our students about fire safety throughout the month of October. This is a great time for all of us to reduce the risk of fire and injury by having an escape plan in place and working smoke detectors.

## Trick or Treat

### Trick or Treat Night

will be held on  
Thursday, October 25th  
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
in the City of Altoona

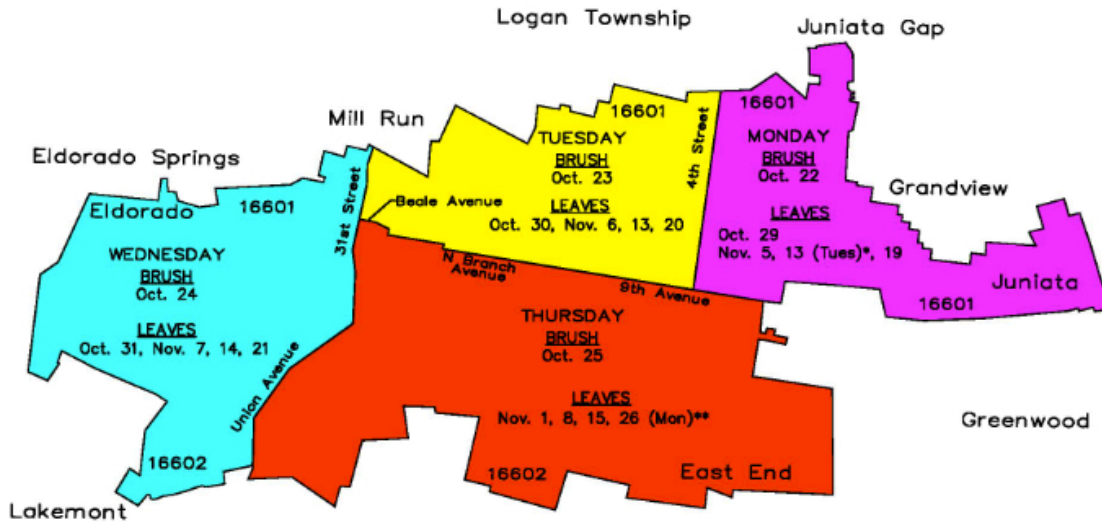


## Leaf & Brush Collection

City of Altoona residents can drop off their brush, leaves and clippings at the City Highway Yard which is located at 5010 6th Avenue (next to WTAJ TV 10) Monday – Friday 7am to 3pm. All items must be bagged in brown compost bags.

Fall Leaf & Brush Collection will begin October 22nd.

CITY OF ALTOONA  
2018 FALL BRUSH & LEAF COLLECTION



\* City Hall Closed on November 12th Veterans Day. Leaf Collection will be Tuesday, November 13th.

\*\* City Hall Closed on November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving. Leaf Collection will be Monday, November 26th.

**CITY OF ALTOONA**

**FALL BRUSH & LEAF COLLECTION**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 22nd THROUGH WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST**

**THE CITY IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS. BRUSH COLLECTION  
WILL TAKE PLACE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO LEAF COLLECTION.**

BRUSH - MONDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

LEAVES - MONDAY - OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 5, 13 (Tues)\*, 19     \*Due to the Veterans Day Holiday

The Juniata Section, Wehnwood, Ivyside, Logantown and a portion of Fairview to 4th Street and Norfolk Southern Mainline railroad tracks

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BRUSH - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

LEAVES - TUESDAY - OCTOBER 30, NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20

Center City from Norfolk Southern Mainline railroad tracks including Fairview (south of 4th street), Keith Area, Gospel Hill, 5th Ward, 9th Ward and a portion of 12th Ward including Broad and Beale Avenues to 31st Street

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BRUSH - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

LEAVES - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 31, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21

From 31st Street and Union Avenue including South Altoona, Mansion Park, Columbia Park, Garden Heights, Llyswen, Highland Park and Eldorado

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BRUSH - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

LEAVES - THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 26 (Mon)\*      \*Due to the Thanksgiving holiday

Center City East of 9th Avenue and North of Union Avenue to Pleasant Valley including Tuckahoe Park, Hileman Heights, Dutch Hill, Prospect, Pleasant Valley and East End

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### **COLLECTION TIMES**

Curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection - no alley or yard pick up

### **COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS**

Compostable paper bags must be used

Brush collection includes tree and hedge trimmings that fit in a compost bag

Leaf collection includes grass clippings, flowers and bedding plants and leaves

Do not mix leaves with woody trimmings

Place leaves in separate bags from woody trimmings

Do not tape or tie bags, simply fold over the top of the bag

For more information call the City of Altoona Highway Yard at 949-2212.

## **Flooding & You: Learn How to Keep You & Your Property Safe**

After a heavy rain, the City receives calls from residents regarding street and residential flooding. As such, the newsletter is featuring this section devoted to the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, and will provide background information, facts and figures, safety tips, and how the City is working to help protect residents and their property against flooding.

### **FLOOD INSURANCE FACT #4**



There is a difference between flood damage and water damage.

Flood - Insurance companies classify a flood as a sudden rise of water on land that is normally dry. This can be from rising rivers, lakes, streams or oceans. Also, a flood can be from a mudslide or heavy rain seeping into the basement of a home. These causes are not typically covered by homeowner's insurance.

Water Damage - This is generally from a burst pipe in your home or rainwater or an ice dam leaking through a roof. Homeowner's insurance would cover these costs.

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## Recognition News

Recognition is given throughout the month of October to the following organizations who received proclamations from the Mayor:

Community Planning Month - the City of Altoona Community Development Department

Fire Prevention Month - the City of Altoona Fire Department

Overflow Church - 5 year anniversary

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**Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico**

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